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Strength of the various Hospital Committees.

* 241 *Q.*—Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that proposals have been made to form committees for the various hospitals;

(*b*) if so, whether any lady members are placed on these committees; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the affirmative, the exact percentage of women members to the total strength of the committees?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1598, P.H., dated the 26th June 1929, which has been laid on the table in answer to question No. 125.

Dr. (Mr.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi:—"May I know when the scheme for anti-venereal measures will be ready?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"I hope soon."

Number of midwives, dhais, etc., undergoing training in all hospitals.

* 242 *Q.*—Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state the number of pupils, i.e., midwives, nurses and 'dhais' that are under training at present in the various hospitals in the Presidency where facilities for such training exist?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Pay and prospects of nurses in the city and mufassal.

* 243 *Q.*—Dr. (Mrs.) S. Muthulakshmi Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the pay and prospects of the midwives and nurses that are working in the districts are the same as those of midwives and nurses serving in the city of Madras?

A.—Yes.

Public Health

Free supply of quinine to Local Fund dispensaries.

* 244 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that any portion of the quinine meant for free distribution is being supplied to Local Fund dispensaries thereby enabling them to save money; and

(*b*) whether there is a proposal to stop this so that all the free quinine may go to institutions and persons other than Local Fund hospitals and dispensaries?

A.—(*a*) Under the scheme of free distribution of quinine in the specified ten taluks in the Presidency, the local fund and municipal hospitals and dispensaries in the areas have been utilized amongst the agencies for distribution.

(*b*) There is no proposal to terminate this arrangement.